

SHIPS OFF FOR KEY WEST

Panther Under Convoy of Two Men-of-War.

WILL GO TO CUBA

List of the Volunteers in the Huntington Rifles.

WILL ENROLL RESERVES

Men Who Will Fight for the Flag if Another Call is Made May Leave Their Names at the Daily Press Office, Guns at the Shipyard.

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All of the steamers leaving Norfolk and Old Point last night sailed from the pier at 6:45 o'clock, half-an-hour earlier than heretofore.

THESE SOLDIERS WILL GO. Following is the list of officers and privates of Company C, Huntington Rifles, who have volunteered to follow the flag wherever it goes.

First Lieutenant—W. L. Hilyer. Second Lieutenant—A. F. Kirk. Third Sergeant—J. Ward. Fourth Sergeant—J. Ward. Second Corporal—C. C. Moore. Privates—J. F. Clifton, W. E. Clifton, B. B. Cofer, A. J. Ford, G. E. Ford, R. O. Henry, J. H. Jones, J. Jacobs, P. D. Kirk, C. C. Moss, F. C. Moss, A. McArthur, R. N. Norworthy, R. C. Norworthy, C. C. Newman, J. W. Phillips, T. L. Rothwell, R. C. Sullivan, W. B. Richmond, R. C. Robinson, B. P. Sullivan, L. Todd, W. L. Todd, S. J. Taylor, J. VanArsdale, G. H. Wilson, C. G. Baldwin, E. E. Furman, Holzner, Needham, D. Hinton, G. W. Palmer, T. T. Fellows, W. F. Kirkland, F. Breeder, R. J. Weymouth, R. D. J. Smith.

CALL FOR RESERVES. Efforts are being made throughout the United States to organize a reserve force of volunteers. The object of the promoters of the movement is to have men in readiness to go to the front. Of course the men who volunteer may never be called on, but they will be enrolled for an emergency. The movement is being carried on by General John M. Schofield, as commander and General James Longstreet as vice-commander and the military committee includes all the living lieutenant generals, major generals, and brigadier generals on both sides of the late war. Letters are being sent out to the mayors of the municipalities, asking them to use their efforts to enroll volunteers. Following is a copy of the letter received by Mayor W. A. East of Newport News.

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would suggest that the rolls of men enlisted for the volunteer reserve sent to the adjutant general of your state, where they will be available. It was not necessary to send to us the names of volunteers sent to the adjutant general; only reports to us, if you please, the number of men enlisted to the adjutant general of your state, from your city and vicinity.

As we advised you in our former letter our present desire is only that of assisting the national guards of the several states. We believe you will fully coincide with us in the desirability of securing at this time and in the near future, and maintaining as a permanent institution, a roll of all of our available citizens who are ready to defend the country and her flag, so that the war footing of the nation may be as formidable as possible. Our expectation was that this enrollment might have been far more complete than it now is before the first call for troops for active service in the impending conflict; but that crisis, having now arisen, we cheerfully turn over to the authorities of the several states the further work of not only enrolling the present call for troops, but of continuing the organization of the reserves as they are required in the future stages of the conflict in which we are now engaged.

Men who are not already, or are indisposed to take up this work, be good enough to hand all papers to some patriotic, well-known person or organization who will forward the work.

THE NAT. VOLUNTEER RESERVE. A. M. McCook, Secretary.

Mayor Post states that he did not receive the first letter sent out or he should have given the matter more attention. Those who desire to join may leave their names at the Daily Press office, and if there is another call they may enroll.

STILL AFTER VESSELS. It now looks as if the government has purchased, or soon will purchase, the coastwise steamers Junata and Howard of the Merchants and Miners line. The government has been negotiating with the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company for the purchase of their fleet steamers, and only a few days ago it bought the Junata of that company.

The Junata and Howard are now lying at Norfolk. They have been there for several days, probably waiting to be inspected by naval officials. It is not the custom for the vessels of the United States to be in the harbor, as their traffic here is so light.

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BRIEF ITEMS.

Mr. James Prosser, of Petersburg, is in the city.

Attorney R. M. Lett attended the County Court yesterday.

Mr. John Sinclair, of Isle of Wight county, is visiting in the city.

Miss Letitia Stewart returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grant are visiting Mrs. Amy Nelson, on Thirty-first street.

Dr. G. B. Pearson returned yesterday morning from a visit to Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. I. Eugene White, who will build the new pier for the Old Dominion Land Company, is stopping at the Hotel Warwick.

At the regular meeting of the Newport News Medical Society last night Dr. Willis read a paper relating to diseases of the eye.

Mr. C. B. Gault, of New York, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, arrived in the city yesterday.

Miss Florence Pearson, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. E. Cottrell, on West avenue, left for a visit to New Jersey yesterday afternoon.

A telegram received yesterday morning from Scranton, Pa., announces the death there of the mother of Officer R. J. O'Hara, of the Newport News police force. Policeman O'Hara was at the bedside of his mother. She was a sister of Mr. James Maloney, of this city.

Locally young Mr. L. G. Doyle, of Staunton, Va., is the guest of his uncle, Mr. C. S. Doyle, on Twenty-ninth street. Mr. Doyle returned to America recently from Beyrouth, Syria, Asia, where he served as secretary to his father, Captain Thomas S. Doyle, the United States consul stationed there.

Magruder Camp, Confederate Veterans, it is understood, has passed resolutions condemning the action of the committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which denounced Mrs. General Pickett in no uncertain language for an alleged attempt to interrupt the christening of the Kentucky by dashing a bottle of whiskey against the ship's bow, to the discomfiture of the official sponsor, Miss Bradley.

LIQUOR LICENSES GRANTED. List of Those Who Will Conduct Saloons in the City.

The only business transacted in the Corporation Court yesterday was the granting of additional liquor licenses. There are over sixty applications for licenses, but Judge Barham's mill is "grinding exceedingly fine." In other words, the honor is being given to the applicant before he is granted an applicant privilege of opening a saloon, and only those who are doing a legitimate business will be licensed.

Following ordinary licenses are being granted up to date: G. H. Butt, corner Warwick avenue and Twenty-third street.

E. Graft, Jefferson avenue. R. L. Lohman, Washington avenue. F. M. Mugler, Washington avenue. R. J. Mackay, Washington avenue. K. I. Dyck, Washington avenue. J. L. Swenson, Warwick Hotel. J. George Parks, Jefferson avenue. L. J. Lenz & Co., Jefferson avenue. R. L. Pugh (colored), Twenty-third street.

W. L. Denmark, Twenty-third street.

Malt liquor licenses have been granted as follows: Councilman Mark McLaughlin, Lafayette and Lafayette avenue. Baxter & Rodgers, Lafayette avenue.

Hoffman Bros., Lafayette avenue. R. L. Lohman, corner Thirty-fifth street and Lafayette avenue.

Other applicants will be heard today.

AT HYMEN'S ALTAR. Four Marriage Licenses Issued at the City.

The Hispanic-American war has had a tendency to stimulate matrimonial circles, for no less than four licenses have been issued at the clerk's office in the last two days.

Mr. Hyland Franklin and Miss Cora V. Edwards will be married today.

This evening the Rev. Thomas J. MacKay, pastor of the Second Baptist church, will officiate at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. James to Mr. John M. Malcott.

Chestnut Avenue Methodist church was the scene at 8 o'clock last evening of the wedding of Miss Belle Carroll to Mr. James M. Malcott.

Mr. Edwards is employed as a fireman on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

Mr. Francis Harris and Miss Mary Harris were married at the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal church Monday night.

Rev. J. Francis Harris performed the ceremony. Mr. Harris is employed as a blacksmith at the yard.

Mr. P. H. Gray, of this city, and Miss Ella Harvey Borden, of Washington, D. C., were married at the residence of the bride's parents Monday at noon, by the Rev. Dr. Harding, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, at that city. They will make their home in this city.

READY FOR THE PRIMA. Tomorrow Democrats Will Name Their Candidates.

The candidates are ready for the Democratic primary tomorrow, at least they say they are. Election day, like Christmas, generally comes before people are ready, but this instance seems to be an exception to the rule.

The war has taken the snap and vim out of the campaign, and judging by the interest manifested a light vote will be polled. A large number of the voters are working at the shipyard and during the rush when they are putting in overtime they are not likely to lay down their tools to work at the polls.

SETTLED DOWN TO WAR

Conditions Rapidly Adjusting Themselves to the Emergency.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.

Lieutenant Rowan Landed in Cuba and on His Way to Meet General Garcia. Minneapolis and Columbia Off the New England Coast. Patriotic Responses from the States.

(By Telegraph.) WASHINGTON, April 26.—Conditions in Washington are rapidly settling down to those of actual war. Notices came to the State Department from the four quarters of the globe today, showing that the nations, as a rule, are prepared to assume an attitude of strict neutrality between the United States and Spain in the present struggle.

In the War Department preparations for the full organization of the army were also perfected. To provide officers for the regular army and volunteers Secretary Alger ordered the assignment to duty all of the cadets at the West Point Military Academy who would in the ordinary course of events have graduated in June.

The greatest anxiety was shown in the Navy Department for news from the blockading squadron. Notwithstanding the frequent reports that came from two unofficial sources of engagements between the fleet and the shore batteries, no word of confirmation came officially. The three prizes reported today to have been seized by the fleet were not referred to in the official dispatches, but the press reports of the seizure were received with the greatest satisfaction by the officers of the department, who, in some cases, did not hesitate to declare their envy of some of the ships already captured, though it will be for the prize courts to determine in each case whether the conditions under which the ship was captured are such as warrant release.

The impression prevails that the Buena Ventura, the first on the list of prizes will be declared no prize. The case of the Panama, whose seizure was reported today is a more complicated one, owing to the fact that while otherwise exempt the ship was reported to have contained supplies for the Spanish army in Cuba, which are contraband.

It is noted that the administration has not been deterred by any criticism in Congress from again formally pledging itself to the nations of the world to refrain from privateering, and abide by the declaration of Paris of 1856.

So far as is known all the United States consuls have made their way safely out of Spain. Consul Fay, at Dania, has reported to the department from Lisbon; Consul Bowen, at Barcelona, from Paris, and Consul Carroll, at Cadiz and Consul Bartelme, at Malaga, from Gibraltar. The department has assured itself that the others are safe.

Secretary Sherman retired finally today from the position of Secretary of State, and his successor was confirmed in the person of Judge Day. John Bassett Moore undoubtedly will be confirmed tomorrow in Judge Day's place.

Among the orders issued today was one directing Captain A. P. Mahan, the author and world renowned authority on naval tactics, to report for duty at the Navy Department. Captain Mahan is a retired officer, and will be assigned to a position on the strategy board. Probably he will replace Admiral Walker for whom the President and Secretary Long cherish the highest regard on account of his professional ability, and who is to be assigned to duty of the highest importance in the immediate future.

Upon the recommendation of Captain Lenly, Judge Advocate General, Secretary Long today directed the release from a Boston naval prison of twenty-eight sailors. The men have been in prison for various infractions of military law and the department believes

that conditions warrant their restoration to active service.

It appears that the assignment of Rear Admiral Erben, retired, to relieve Commander Elmer, in charge of the Comus fleet was caused by the ill health of Commander Elmer. More than a dozen retired officers were called into the service by Secretary Long today.

LANDING IN CUBA. Lieutenant Rowan on His Way to Meet Gen. Garcia.

(Copyright, 1898, Associated Press.) KINGSTON, JAMAICA, April 26.—First Lieutenant Andrew S. Rowan, of the Nineteenth Infantry, under orders from the war department, landed on the Cuban coast somewhere west of Santiago, probably before dawn on Monday. His Cuban guides and an open sail boat were used.

Lieutenant Rowan is on his way to the camp of Gen. Garcia. He will represent the war department in arranging for the co-operation of the insurgents in the invasion of eastern Cuba by the forces of the United States. The time and place of the invasion will be controlled by the situation and the character of Lieutenant Rowan was detailed from the bureau of information for this dangerous and dangerous because in his civilian dress he is liable to be treated as a spy. He speaks Spanish and knows Cuba, having written a book on the subject. Moreover, he is an expert map maker.

Lieutenant Rowan left Washington under instant orders on April 3. He was directed to wait here prepared to go to Porto Rico or Cuba. As he went to eastern Cuba it is inferred that a blow will be struck there before one is struck at Porto Rico.

With him he took an official Spanish section map of eastern Cuba, with emendations made by the war department hydrographers. The expedition is that Gen. Culeto Garcia will dispose his forces to cover a landing of United States troops as pronounced. A courier with Lieutenant Rowan's first message to the war department will probably leave Gen. Garcia's camp next week.

RIGHTS OF SPANISH VESSELS. President McKinley Issues an Important Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The President today issued the following proclamation relative to the rights of Spanish vessels now in or bound to United States ports, and also with regard to the right of search:

By the President of the United States of America: A Proclamation.

Whereas, by an act of Congress, approved August 3, 1898, it is declared that since the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1898, including said day, between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain, a state of war exists;

Whereas, it being desirable that such war should be conducted upon and in harmony with the present views of nations, and that by reason of practice, it has already been announced that the policy of this government will not be to resort to privateering, but to adhere to the rules of the declaration of Paris;

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the powers in me by the constitution and laws do hereby declare and proclaim:

First—That neutral goods and contraband of war are not liable to confiscation under the enemy's flag.

Second—Neutral goods not contraband of war are not liable to confiscation under the enemy's flag.

Third—Blockades in order to be binding must be effective.

Fourth—Spanish merchant vessels in any port or place within the United States shall be allowed until May 21, 1898, inclusive, for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places, and until such time as Spanish vessels of met at sea by any United States ships shall be permitted to continue the voyage, if on examination of their papers it shall appear that their cargoes were taken on board before the expiration of the above term, provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to Spanish vessels having on board arms, munitions, or military or naval service of the enemy, or any coal except such as may be necessary for their voyage or any other article prohibited or contraband of war, or any dispatch or order to the Spanish government.

Fifth—Any Spanish merchant vessel which prior to April 21, 1898, shall have sailed from any foreign port bound for any port or place in the United States shall be permitted to enter such port or place, and to discharge her cargo, and afterward forthwith to depart without molestation; and such vessel, if met at sea by any United States ship shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.

Sixth—The right of search is to be exercised in the same manner, for the right of the neutrals, and the voyage of mail steamers are not to be interfered with, except on the clearest grounds of suspicion of contraband or blockade.

(Signed) WILLIAM McKINLEY. In witness whereof, etc., done at the Department of State, etc., this 26th day of April, 1898.

THE STATES RESPOND. No Mistaking the Patriotism of the People of This Country.

(By Telegraph.) WASHINGTON, April 26.—At the close of office hours today Adjutant General Corbin had received dispatches from the Governor of nearly every state and territory in response to Secretary Alger's call for information as to the troops the states and territories will be expected to furnish when the President's call for 125,000 men. The tenor of these replies shows there is no mistaking the patriotism of the people of this country in the present emergency. On every hand the people express a willingness to come to the government's aid and the offers were in excess of the present demand. The body of the telegrams was made up for the greater part of the day by the Governor of the National Guard had on hand and for this reason the reports of the governors were not made public. The condition of the Guard, as regards their arms, equipment for field duty, etc., is in many instances not satisfactory, and these will have to be furnished by the government. Such is the condition of affairs in the war department that this will be only a matter of time, however.

Recruiting for the regular army under the Hull army reorganization will be begun at once. With an adequate number of men, the government will progress will be made toward recruiting the army to its full war strength of 61,000 men.

MINNEAPOLIS AND COLUMBIA. Crack Cruisers Said to Be Scouting for Spanish Vessels.

(By Telegraph.) BOSTON, April 26.—The cruiser USS Albatross, under command of Lieutenant Commander John A. Maffett, is said to be scouting for Spanish vessels.

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THE PARIS SIGHTED.

White Star Liner Majestic Passes Her at Sea.

(By Telegraph.) QUEENSTOWN, April 26.—The White Star steamer Majestic, which has arrived here from New York, en route to Liverpool, reports that at 4 o'clock on Monday morning, in latitude 48.52 and longitude 29.06, she passed an American liner, presumably the Paris. She saw no Spanish war vessel during the voyage. The Majestic's passengers were most eager to learn the news as to the situation between Spain and the United States, and raised hearty cheers for America on learning that war had been proclaimed.

BIG LINERS PURCHASED. (By Telegraph.) NEW YORK, April 26.—Officials of the Hamburg-American line announced that the Fuerst Bismarck and Hamburg have been purchased by the United States government.

CONTRACTS NOT LET. But the Shipyard Will Probably Build Four Coastwise Steamers.

The report yesterday that the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company had secured the contract for building four coastwise steamers—for the Morgan Line and two for the Cronwell Line—to replace the vessels sold to the United States, was a little premature.

The contracts have not been let, but if the companies decide to replace the vessels, and this is quite likely, they will probably be built here. As yet, however, no definite arrangements have been made, but it is probable that the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company will build at least one and probably two of the new floating fortresses.

Speculation about the new ships will be ready for issue to shipyards soon after the bill becomes a law, and bids for the building of the twelve torpedo boat destroyers and twelve torpedo boats will be opened within three weeks after the advertisements are issued.

The battery arrangement of the new ships has been decided on and will not be materially different from that of the Indiana class. There will be no superimposed turrets, however, as in the case of the Kearsarge and Kentucky, which carried two guns on each turret and aft.

number of rapid fire guns. The Chief Constructor Hiebhorn advocates the construction of the ships on the shoulder of a gun turret, but his views do not meet with general approval.

The Ordnance bureau has succeeded in preventing a change from the present system by which the Navy Department purchases the armor plate, manufactures the ordnance, while the shipyards build the vessel and the machinery.

There will be no delay now in contracting for armor for the battleships, Illinois, at Newport News; Alabama, at Cramp's, and the Wisconsin, at San Francisco, the terms agreed upon by the two houses of Congress having been approved.

proved satisfactory to the Ordnance bureau furnishing the armor plate. Contracts will be awarded at the same time for the three new battleships authorized by the present bill.

COMMENDS THE SOLDIERS. Business Men's Association Will Get Postponed.

At the regular meeting of the Business Men's Association, held in the oratory building last night, the prompt response of Company C, Huntington Rifles, to the call for volunteers was commended.

Messrs. I. P. Orr, J. A. Hirschberg and E. W. Huffman were appointed a committee to draft resolutions and forward the same to the company. The resolutions will commend the action of the men and will assure them that on their return from the field, if they are called upon to go, the association will co-operate with them in their positions, besides using influence to retain their present positions.

The resignation of Mr. C. Aylett Ashby as secretary of the association was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Efforts will be made to induce the officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company to make his one of the stopping points of the Sunday excursion trains from Richmond. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the proper officials.

At the next meeting, May 10, the subject for discussion will be the "City's Cleanliness."

THEN WAS HIS VOICE FOR WAR. (Cleveland Leader.)

"Doc," said a man who had approached one of the surgeons at the recruiting stations, "I wish you'd examine me and if I'm eligible for enlistment."

"You must file your application the regular way, with the officer in charge," replied the surgeon.